

**Proposal for Regional Science centre at Dharwad and Mangalore**

2994. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Karnataka has submitted a proposal to set up a Regional Science Centre at Dharwad and Mangalore; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and Centre's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL):

(a) Yes, Sir. There is a proposal for setting up of Regional Science Centre at Dharwad and Mangalore by the Ministry of Culture.

(b) For Regional Science Centre, Dharwad, the land has been identified and selected. However, commitments as per the norms of the Science Centre are awaited from State Government of Karnataka. The proposal for Regional Science Centre, Mangalore did not conform to the norms for setting up of Science Centre and therefore, the State Government of Karnataka has been requested for certain modifications in the proposal.

**Conference of Science Ministers of India and European Union**

†2995. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the decision taken in the conference of Science Ministers of India and European Union held in February, 2007;

(b) the degree of Project partnerships between India and European Union at present;

(c) the efforts made by Government to enhance this partnership; and

(d) the steps taken by Government for the study on the rapid environmental changes and global warming?

THE MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL):

(a) The decisions taken at India-EU Ministerial Science Conference are contained in the "New Delhi Communique" signed at New Delhi on February 7, 2007 by the Hon'ble Minister of Science and Technology and Earth

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